

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 26-48 are in the case.

I. ALLOWED CLAIMS

It is noted, with appreciation, that claims 26-48 are allowed. In light of that indication, and in order to expedite prosecution, the remaining claims in the case have been canceled without prejudice.

II. INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

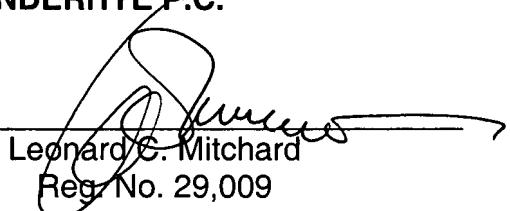
An IDS is submitted concurrently herewith.

Favorable action is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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